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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

TETSUJIRO KONDO : EXAMINER: CHEN, W.

SERIAL NO: 10/550,731 :

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FOR: DATA ENCODING APPARATUS, DATA ENCODING METHOD, DATA OUTPUT APPARATUS, DATA OUTPUT METHOD, SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEM, SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD, DATA DECODING APPARATUS, AND DATA DECODING METHOD

## **ELECTION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 22, 2010, Applicant elects without traverse Species I, Figures 7 and 27, and lists Claims 1-9, 11-12, 14-17, 39-42, 46-47, 57-69, 73-80, 87-94, 98-99, 102, and 105-106, as readable thereon. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

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Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-9, 11-12, 14-17, 39-42, 46-47, 57-69, 73-80, 87-94, 98-99, 102, and 105-106 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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